ORDINANCE NO. 1038

AN ORDINANCE REFERRING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF PRINEVILLE CHARTER TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF PRINEVILLE.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PRINEVILLE ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, The Prineville City Charter, Chapter VI including Sections 23 through 31 addresses City elections; and

WHEREAS, Section 23 of the Prineville City Charter states that elections shall be held in accordance with applicable state election laws; and

WHEREAS, Section 31 concerning nominations varies from state law and if Section 31 was followed, would not allow sufficient time for absentee voters to vote; and

WHEREAS, if Section 31 of the City's Charter were strictly followed, the City would have to conduct its own separate election which would be more expensive than conducting an election at the times regularly scheduled for State elections.

NOW THEREFORE, based upon the above facts,

- 1. The common council of the City of Prineville believes the Prineville City Charter should be amended and, therefore, refers the following recommended Prineville City Charter Amendments to the City electors to be voted on November 5, 1996:
- A. Chapter VI of the Prineville City Charter shall be amended as follows:
- 1) Sections 24, 25, and 27 of the Prineville City Charter shall be repealed;
- 2) Section 31 of the Prineville City Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

A qualified elector who has resided in the City for the twelve (12) months immediately preceding an election may be nominated for an elective City office to be filled at the election. A person may be nominated in a manner prescribed by City Ordinance to seek an elective City office.

2. The City attorney shall prepare the ballot for the election on the Charter Amendment.

Passed by the City Council this 331d day of July, 1996.

Approved by the Mayor this 23 day of July, 1996.

TODD VALLIE, Mayor

HENRY HARTLEY, City Manager

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